

Pesticide/NPDES Final Permit: 4 Key Issues

What to know initially...

March 2011



1. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** While the permit has been issued, the effective date is delayed. Our *draft* permit set the date at April 9, 2011 to match a prior court mandate. EPA recently filed a request in federal court to extend the April 9, 2011 deadline. Because the court may set a later date, this issued permit is set up to match that court decision. *For example*, if the court rules that the new required date for an NPDES permit is June 1, 2011, that will be the date this SC permit will go into effect. EPA asked for a new date of October 31, 2011 (we will see what the court decides). Before the effective date of the permit, you do not have to comply with the permit. We will post information later on our web site and through other means about the court ruling and this “effective” date.
2. **NOI SUBMISSION DEADLINE.** For those that will need to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI), that deadline will be 60 days *after* the effective date of the permit. This is different from the draft permit. Until that deadline, even those people that would expect to exceed a threshold for a use pattern are automatically covered. Submitting an NOI by the deadline will insure that coverage would continue past that 60-day “window”.
3. **NOI PREPARATION.** We are setting up a web-based method for preparing the NOI. Starting March 21, 2011, the method should be available for use. You will complete the NOI form on the web, print the form, sign it and send it to DHEC. Go to the DHEC “water” web page for a link to the NOI: www.scdhec.gov/water.
4. **MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PERMIT.** On March 30, 2011, DHEC will host a meeting to outline the new permit, demonstrate the web-based NOI process and answer questions. *Time:* 1:30pm; *Location:* Peeples Auditorium, DHEC’s Main Building, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC.